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■ REVITALIZATION

Fenwick's \$2.1M facelift will have curb appeal

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

After downtown Fenwick receives its much-needed \$2.1 million makeover, it should feel more like a quaint village.
That's what the area will look like just in time for the community's 160th anniversary, Harold Madi told town councillors during a special council meeting last Wednesday night.

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Children at St. Ann celebrated Valentine's Day Thursday by trading cards, stickers and chocolates. Pictured are junior kindergarten students Wesley Coxon and Baileigh Vass.

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■ FACELIFT

Downtown cultural heritage should be promoted

FROM PAGE 1

The consultant of The Planning Partnership updated town staff about design guidelines for downtown Fenwick.

In 2009, The Planning Partnership was retained to undertake downtown design guidelines for Fonthill and Fenwick. With downtown Fonthill completed, staff felt it necessary to review guidelines for Fenwick's renovation.

"Fenwick should promote a village character by maintaining smaller one- to two-storey house-form buildings which are further set apart from each other," Madi told councillors.

Part of the revitalization is to identify and promote the downtown area's cultural heritage through signage, developing standards for building rehabilitation and development and creating a program for highlighting heritage resources.

Madi said there a number of historical buildings that have stood many years but aren't identified as such.

An essential part of Fenwick's heritage is its flagpole which dates back to the First World War and was used as a gathering point for the community, he added.

Madi said Canboro Rd., which connects downtown Fonthill and Fenwick, should be improved and

promoted as a "historic promenade."

The 6.5-km stretch of road should be identified as a scenic route. The consultant said the road could be promoted as a connector of a series of destinations providing tourism opportunities such as bicycle competitions, running marathons and food tasting events.

Other plans for Fenwick include developing a focal point that acts as a gathering place for residents and visitors, which could be at Welland Rd. and Canboro Rd., Madi said.

The consultant noted that downtown areas should be destinations easily accessible by walking or bicycling and not simply thorough-routes by improving trails, open spaces, crosswalks and streetscapes.

Madi said the goal is to slow traffic down and encourage people to stay downtown to shop.

Improving curb appeal with trees, signs and updating buildings with larger windows and awnings are just a few of the improvements Madi said the downtown will undergo.

The consultant used Niagara-on-the-Lake's Old Town as an example of what Fenwick could resemble.

NOTL is always flowing with people because it has curb appeal and plenty of



Fenwick heritage sign with wagon wheel at Welland Rd and Canboro Rd.

unique businesses to draw people to its downtown.

By removing unattractive hydro lines, adding foliage and improving all of the "good ingredients" Fenwick has to offer, the downtown area will become a desirable

place for residents and visitors, Madi said.

The next steps town council must take are to gather public input and re-educate business owners about

Improvement Incentives

for properties.

Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi said "memories are short." Although the improvement incentives were available during Fonthill's revitalization, not many businesses took

advantage.

Council referred staff to develop a plan for educating business owners on available incentives for improving storefronts.

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■ **KIDS HELPING KIDS:** Children's centre getting a boost

Catholic students show they care

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

Niagara Catholic District School Board students have been changing the lives of children all over the region last week with wacky do's and other fun activities.

Emily Tremere, a Grade 4 student at St. Ann in Fenwick said she loved participating in Kids Helping Kids week, especially on Thursday which was Valentine's Day.

St. Ann students dressed in red, white and pink in honour of the special day.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Tremere about Kids Helping Kids week.

Through the sale of buttons, pins and magnets, as well as collecting loose change, the students at St. Ann raised more than \$200, along side other students at every Catholic elementary and secondary school for Niagara Children's Centre in St. Catharines.

Education director John

Crocco said that students have fun, but staff make sure they know what the centre is about and why they should participate in wacky hair days, dress down days, gum chewing days, rice crispy days, jersey days and pink and white days.

"Our students know there are students (at their school) who may have started off their young lives at the centre and because of great staff there they come here and we've continued to provide the educational programs and services for students," he said.

Students have raised more than \$600,000 dollars since 1988 when Kids Helping Kids started.

The children's centre rehabilitates and supports boys and girls with physical, developmental and communicative delays and disabilities. It serves more than 3,000 families and currently has a long waiting list.

Principals have been making

announcements about the centre. High school students have toured the facility and given presentations to classmates explaining how services such as physiotherapy and speech therapy help children with disabilities.

Centre executive director Jim Marino said students are amazed by it when they tour.

"It's a real eye-opener for them. They just realize how good they have it when they see the children with disabilities," he said.

Marino likes going to schools to talk about the positive work the centre does and help students understand that someday in their lives they may need the services offered.

"It's a happy place here at the centre," he said. "Miracles happen every day and life-changing things happen every day and it's because of them — because this fundraising helps with delivery of therapy here."

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■ **SUMMER CAMP:** Town of Pelham will offer cooking camp for youth

Summer camp to promote healthy eating

SARAH FERGUSON
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PELHAM — Fruits and vegetables are key ingredients to making healthy snacks and meals.

And starting this summer, children ages 10 to 14 will have an opportunity to learn how to combine nutritious and tasty foods as part of the You're the Chef program, says Jessica Ruddell, recreation, culture and wellness coordinator.

"It's the first time we have offered the pro-



Students at St. Ann spent this past week raising money for the Kids Helping Kids campaign. More than \$200 was raised to help the Niagara Children's Centre which helps provide treatment for children with physical or communicative disabilities.

SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

gram. We've chosen it because we wanted to try something new."

The Town of Pelham will offer the program as part of its summer camps programming in July and August.

Ruddell said she spent last Wednesday at the Niagara region headquarters learning about healthy recipes, and food safety.

The program is geared toward teaching youth how to establish healthy eating habits instead of making poor food

choices, Ruddell said.

"Eating habits start when you're young so learning how to eat healthy at an earlier age sets you up for the future," the coordinator said about the importance of the program.

Knowing how to eat well can reduce a number of health risks such as heart disease, stroke, and in some cases even cancer, said Ruddell.

Children who take part in the program will learn how to make tasty breakfasts, lunches and

dinners, as well as food preparation and kitchen safety.

Along with learning how to cook, youth will also enjoy swimming and a special trip, Ruddell said.

The program will likely be held at Old Pelham Town Hall for a week in August. Parents can expect to see more information about the camp on the town's website as early as April.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

The Town of Pelham will offer You're the Chef this summer. The program will teach children ages 10 to 14 how to cook nutritious food. Pictured from left to right, sisters Kayla Bray and Stefanie Bray prepare healthy snacks.

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Wynne must remember Ontarians didn't elect her

Ontario's new handoff premier, Kathleen Wynne, has moved with remarkable speed to consolidate her power and get the scandal-plagued Liberal government back to work.

In the days since she won the Grit leadership, Wynne has formed a cabinet, begun talking to teachers' unions still smarting from government-imposed wage freezes and made a nominal overture to rural areas feeling alienated by the Liberals by taking on the added job of agriculture minister.

This past Tuesday, Wynne recalled the legislature that Dalton McGuinty abruptly shut down last fall as he announced he would depart as premier.

Some early optics of Wynne's hurry-up approach are troublesome.

Adding five seats to her rookie cabinet — an astonishing 27 of 51 Liberals are in it — is excessive for a cash-strapped, minority government needing to lead by example. Making herself agriculture minister tells that complex industry its needs can be managed on Wynne's lunch breaks.

But the toughest task facing Wynne — who insists Ontarians don't want an election — will be to put her own stamp on government without a voter mandate to do so, a challenge fraught with risks of tripping.

In that, she might find instructive what's happened during the past year with two other handoff premiers, in British Columbia and Alberta.

In B.C., Liberal Christy Clark, poster child for what not to do, has been at the helm nearly two years without calling an election. She's also kept her legislature dark, preferring to connect with voters directly. The legislature resumed Tuesday for the first time in eight months. Polls show Clark going down like flaming sambuca in a fixed-date May election.

In Alberta, on the other hand, Alison Redford wasted no time going to voters. She won a slightly reduced majority last March only five months after taking the handoff as premier.

Now, facing a \$6 billion budget shortfall, that's only strengthened the Tory premier's hand to deal firmly with energy policies and tough medicine needed to whip Alberta's red ink.

Speed can be good in politics, especially for a new premier, but unelected leaders need to remember voters ultimately run the stopwatch.

■ COLUMN

Exactly how many governments does Canada have?

There is the Government of Canada, the governments of the Provinces and Territories, Regional and Municipal governments, and Aboriginal self-government. But who is in charge of what?

As your Federal member of parliament, I often receive policy suggestions and requests regarding Provincial matters, and think a brief explanation of Federal and Provincial authority may clarify matters, and help me to better represent you.

Both Canada and the provinces derive their authority from the Constitution. This means that if these governments do something illegal, they can only be challenged in the courts. Municipalities are different, since they derive their authority from Provincial Municipal Acts by which the Provinces delegate some of their authority to local government. This means that municipal decisions can be appealed to the province as well as being challenged in court. Aboriginal self-government forms a parallel structure similar



DEAN ALLISON

FROM THE HILL

to municipal levels on reserves. There are small scale police forces on reserves, and decisions about business and property are under the jurisdiction of the Chief and Band Council.

Municipalities, the provinces, and Canada have jurisdiction over different areas and issues. These areas do sometimes overlap, and when they do, the Government of Canada takes priority according to the legal doctrine of primacy. However, for the most part the Provincial and Federal governments handle discrete matters, and the Provinces let municipalities handle local matters.

Some examples which have been in the news lately may be helpful. The plan to install wind turbines in West Lincoln and other parts of the Niagara region has generated significant interest over the last few months. Several

levels of government are involved. Municipal government controls zoning, provincial government controls land use and electricity generation, and Federal government controls overall health policy.

This means that Health Canada can study the health and safety effects of the wind turbines, and did in fact start a study in early July of 2012. Ontario can decide to allow or stop the wind power project as a whole, and town councils can decide to precise zoning as agricultural, residential, industrial, etc., and enact by-laws about setbacks and height or noise restrictions. It also means that the Government of Canada cannot tell Ontario whether to proceed with or stop the wind power project. That is for Ontario to decide.

Another recent issue is that of government and law enforcement relations with Aboriginals. Treaty negotiations and aboriginal Affairs in general are Federal jurisdiction, while highways, Provincial Parks, and hunting are Provincial jurisdiction. If the Haudenosaunee Confederacy wants to launch in Short Hills Provincial Park, the aboriginal hunting rights is a federal issue, but the means, timing, and location

of the hunt are provincial. That means that the Government of Ontario is responsible for discussions and planning around such a hunt.

There appears to be a misconception out there that the Government of Canada is somehow an appellate level of government, so that someone can lobby the Federal level if the provincial level makes a decision with which the individual disagrees. This is simply not accurate. If the Government of Ontario makes a decision on a matter of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, like power generation, the government of Canada does not overrule it. Consider for a moment how outraged Ontarians would be if members of parliament from the rest of the country decided that Ontario was spending too much on healthcare and forced the province to slash its spending on hospitals, or Senators decided that the school their children attended in Ottawa deserved more funding and ordered Ontario to pay up.

All the levels of government exist to serve you, and can do so best if you direct your concerns to the one with proper jurisdiction.

■ COLUMN

Whoever he is new pope same as old

GWYNNE DYER

It's the "Roman" Catholic Church's.

Its rigid hierarchy and centralizing instincts are almost entirely due to the fact it became the state religion of the Roman Empire more than 1,600 years ago. And the Pope is still, in essence, the emperor.

How Roman are the traditions and instincts of the church that Pope Benedict XVI has led for the past seven years? Well, one of his titles is "pontifex maximus," usually translated from the Latin as "supreme pontiff." That was the title of the high priest of the old Roman (pagan) state religion under the republic.

When Rome became an empire, the emperors took it over, starting

with Augustus. And somewhere in the fifth or sixth century — the timing is not clear — the title was transferred to the Christian bishop of Rome, who had become the head of the new state religion, Christianity.

This is not to say popes are secretly pagans: They are monotheists to the core. But they are "Roman" Catholics, and the religion they lead is still run like an empire. Very occasionally, some maverick pope tries to change the model — but the system always wins in the end.

Benedict XVI is the emperor of a shrinking domain, for the Roman Catholic Church has been shedding adherents not only in the West, where it is in steep decline, but also in the Latin American, African and

Asian countries where it once held unchallenged sway. While secularism is the enemy stealing the faithful in the West, evangelical forms of Christianity are seducing Roman Catholic believers away in what we used to call the Third World.

There are many who blame this hemorrhage on the outgoing Pope. Benedict was chosen by his colleagues because they believed he would fight off fundamental change, and he performed his duty well. His resignation for health reasons is an innovation, but it is the first of which he has been guilty.

He held the line on abortion (a sin in almost all circumstances), homosexuality (likewise, unless the person remains entirely celibate), married or female priests (definitely not), re-marriage after

divorce (ditto), and contraception (under no circumstances, although he later said HIV-positive prostitutes might be justified in asking their clients to use condoms).

What the Catholic Church is really fighting is modernization, which it sees as moral decline. Perhaps it is right (though I don't think so), but it is losing the battle. Yet Benedict and the Church hierarchy are condemned to fight this battle until the last ditch because they believe, probably correctly, full modernization would make them irrelevant. There will be a new pope, but nothing is going to change; the hemorrhage will continue.

Gwynne Dyer is an independent journalist whose articles are published in 45 countries.

■ AT THE LIBRARY

Plenty to keep children and parents occupied

For PelhamNews

Hurry and register your little boys and girls for March break programs which run from March 11-15 as spaces are filling up fast.

Crazy for Lego is so popular that a second session is being offered on Wednesday, March 13 at 1 p.m. at the Maple Acre branch in Fenwick.

Talking about books, and we should since this is a library column, I thought it better to tackle just one topic each time and chose cozy mysteries to start with since they are so popular.

Both branches of the Pelham Library are well-supplied with books written by M.C. Beaton (Hamish MacBeth and Agatha Raisin), Alexander McCall Smith (Mma Ramotswe and Isabel Dalhousie), Diane

Mott Davidson (Goldy Bear) and Mary Jane Mallin (Canadian) to name just a few. They often set their books in popular tourist areas such as Cape Cod, the Scottish Highlands or Wales and there is a fashion for including recipes (Diane Mott Davidson) or knitting patterns as well.

They may feature dogs or cats, occasionally as the detective or sidekick (Shirley Rousseau Murphy). Naturally, they are written for almost exclusively by and for women.

If you look up "women detectives" in the library catalog you will find that in addition to the early writers in the field—Agatha Christie or Patricia Wentworth, for instance—and the ones I have just discussed, there are a legion of new names such as Caroline Carver and

Leslie Meier.

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New premier puts off south Niagara hospital

ALLAN BENNER
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WELLAND — Kathleen Wynne is making no promises regarding south Niagara's hospital services. It was one of several topics Wynne's new premier discussed during a conference call with Niagara reporters, last Thursday afternoon. Asked if she'd consider retaining hospital services including inpatient pediatrics, obstetrics and mental health in south Niagara hospitals including Welland, Wynne

said services must be delivered in the "most rational way possible," and patients need to be able to access services they need regardless of whether it's within a hospital or "from another delivery agent."

"We have to make sure we're delivering the right care to people as they need it," she said. "I understand that with that kind of change there's going to be some reaction in communities as we move the services around, as we try to make the system as rational as possible. ... I know the Niagara Health System is in

the process of going through its own changes, and we are supportive of that."

Asked about plans to build a new south Niagara hospital, Wynne said the first priority for the NHS is on developing a "well-governed and managed hospital system."



Wynne

Once that's achieved, "we can have a conversation about further capital investment," she added.

"There's not an immediate plan (to build the new hospital)," she said, adding the government has already invested in the new St. Catharines hospital.

On other issues, the premier said she has a few plans to address unemployment and the declining manufacturing industry in Niagara and across Ontario. Those plans include ensuring small- and medium-sized

businesses have access to investment capital, and that Ontario reaches out to countries all over the world "to look for businesses that want to come to Ontario."

The province also needs to ensure that the infrastructure is in place in the Niagara and across the province, "so that business can come here and move their goods around."

"I'm committed to making those changes and working on those areas," she said.

College and university graduates also need exposure to a variety of careers, through "a range of placements, co-ops, internships," she added.

"The only way we're going to do that is to have labour and government and business working together to provide those opportunities to young people, and to people trying to get back into the workforce."

Regarding wind turbines, Wynne said she's "made a commitment that as we go forward, procurement pro-

cesses need to take municipal and community input into greater account."

She vowed to work with the energy minister to determine how that can be done.

"I know there are projects in the works that have already gotten some of their approvals, and I'm focusing on the go forward — how we make sure these projects are going to willing communities."

Nevertheless, she said Ontario is not backing away from its Green Energy Act.

"The province is a leader when it comes to clean renewable energy, and it's good for the air, it's good for young kids with asthma that we're shutting down the coal-fired plants," she said.

Meanwhile, Wynne said she's committed to ensuring a sustainable horse racing industry in Ontario.

However, she said in order for the industry to be sustainable "it would have to be smaller."

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This year the camp will be held March 11-15 at the Pelham Arena. The camp has room for approximately 50 children with many activities planned throughout the

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Registrations are now being accepted for March Break Camp. Please visit the website at www.pelham.ca for details.

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Please be reminded By-Law No. 89-2000 as amended by By-Law #2654(2005) prohibits parking on all roads and streets in the Town of Pelham, except Church Hill from 2:00am to 6:00am from November 1 to March 31.

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Is your business interested in being listed in the Town of Pelham Recreation, Culture & Wellness Guide?

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■ **TURBINES:** NRW gathers input for renewable energy approval

Huffing and puffing at wind power

DAVE JOHNSON
PelhamNews Staff

WAINFLEET — As far as wind turbines are concerned — Andrew Watts says they blow.

During a public meeting in Wainfleet township council chambers two weeks ago, Watts pleaded with Niagara Region Wind Corp. (NRWC) to stop moving forward with its proposed Wainfleet wind turbine farm until "you know what you are doing."

Watts was one of several residents to offer comments at the meeting to receive input toward NRW's municipal consultation component required in the Renewable Energy

Approval process.

A municipal consultation form requests comments from the township on the use of municipal lands and infrastructure, landscaping, emergency management procedures, and building permit requirements as they relate to the proposed wind farm.

The company is proposing to build up to five three-megawatt turbines on private lands, but including the use of municipal lands for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the project.

Wainfleet hired Jones Consulting Group Ltd. to review NRW's application and documents and offer comments,

which will become part of the renewable energy approval process.

Watts said the Jones report questioned a lack of documentation from NRW that should be in the renewable energy approval package and felt it was "appalling" the company would come forward without that work.

"They are a private, for-profit company that still hasn't got their paperwork together."

Watts questioned why NRW didn't have reports on low-frequency noise generated by industrial wind turbines, noting Health Canada is going to look into that aspect as it studies turbines.

"It's no longer a question of people being sick, losing and leaving their homes ... there's too much evidence worldwide. You need to stop until proper investigations are carried out," said Watts.

Watts, like others who spoke, urged council to keep up its fight against wind turbine companies.

"Ontario needs you. These people are going to destroy our community if allowed to go ahead."

Al Leggett, of Stantec Consulting, the company hired by NRW to put together its renewable energy approval package, said comments would be provided on the Jones report.

"The Jones report went into a lot of detail on information that will come at a later stage," said Leggett.

He said a number of plans — including environmental management — and programs will be

put in place before work begins on the project.

Resident Terry Maxner questioned whether there is money set aside to decommission turbines at the end of their lifespans. He said there are 14,000 turbines abandoned in California with no one taking them down and be doesn't want to see that happen here.

Maxner also questioned what would be done if it was found that water wells were damaged by the project.

NRWC spokeswoman Randi Rahamim said there will be a performance bond in place for the decommissioning of sites.

Leggett said there will be discussions with landowners as to whether they want concrete bases of turbines removed once turbines are taken away.

He also said wells within 500 metres of each site will be monitored for quality and quantity pre-

and post-construction.

Resident Louis Shedd said his land sits over the Wainfleet aquifer and he does not want to see it damaged by turbine construction. Shedd said the water from the aquifer is some of the best quality around and cannot be replaced.

Other residents had questions about the projects, while some rallied against wind turbines in general and urged council to keep up its fight.

Ray Duhamel, of Jones Consulting Group Ltd., said his report could be modified any way council wanted before being sent in.

"It's an evolving document," he added.

Township planner Grant Munday said a report will be prepared on comments made by residents and those comments can be included in the municipal consultation component.

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■ **PELHAM:** Town looking to update zoning bylaw

Encouraging development

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

The Town of Pelham is hoping to reduce frustrations and headaches for people asking for zoning amendments to their properties and businesses.

It hopes to update the town's zoning bylaw by 2014 before the next council term to encourage development.

During a special council meeting last Wednesday, Harold Madi of consulting firm Planning Partnership gave a presentation on transect-based planning.

The approach to planning simplifies the process of regulating land use and would eliminate countless requests from individuals asking for amendments to zoning bylaws, Madi said.

The consultant said conventional zone plans focus on primary uses of buildings but transect-based planning focuses mainly on design, size and setbacks of buildings with a variety of uses.

Transect-based planning also sees town developments transition smoothly from high intensity

areas to rural areas as opposed to a mish-mash of commercial and residential uses in one area.

Looking at the document explaining transect-based planning, chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway said "it's exciting and dynamic" but with current zoning in place, it

could be difficult to change the town's own bylaw.

He asked how long it would take to develop a new bylaw.

Madi said the process could take as little as a year or more depending on the size and scope of a community.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE: 'New' idea in use since 1978

Oops — bulk buying already exists in Niagara

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Henri Ragetlie believes Vance Badawey's suggestion to have Port Colborne city staff consider the possibility that Niagara's 12 lower-tier municipalities join forces to make joint purchases is a worthwhile venture with big cost savings for the parties involved.

It is a good idea, says Ragetlie — in fact it was thought of more than 30 years ago when the Niagara Public Purchasing Committee was formed in 1978.

During a council meeting, Port Colborne's mayor asked questions about all municipalities working together to fund a single regional purchasing position to send out tenders for items such as office supplies.

Ragetlie chairs the NPPC committee which comprises 52 agencies, including Niagara Region, three school boards, Niagara College and Brock University — and all lower-tier Niagara municipalities.

Depending on products tendered, the co-operative venture can save between 5% and 30% on purchases.

Ragetlie says a municipality's involvement in the NPPC varies — sometimes some departments will work with the committee while other departments in the same municipality don't use it or may not even know about it.

As an example, a public works depart-

ment may use the NPPC to purchase lamps, but purchases office supplies through other means, says Ragetlie.

He insists that the NPPC has remained active as Welland, Pelham, Niagara Falls and Port Erie continue to regularly purchase items through the committee.

Since Badawey questioned the possibility of a committee such as the NPPC last week, Ragetlie says a lot of discussion has stirred about the NPPC and how to make it more visible to agencies that could benefit from it. "It would be to our advantage suggesting to CAOs that here's an avenue (they) should be taking advantage of," he says.

Since the city council meeting, Badawey says he received several e-mails, including one from Ragetlie, about a few groups that work with agencies and purchase in bulk. He admits that neither he nor city staff were aware of them.

Badawey says it's his goal to see local municipalities and other agencies working together to "take advantage of purchasing power in tandem."

He intends to sit down with Ragetlie to learn more about the committee, what it does, what utilizes its services and involved costs. The bottom line is "there is a disconnect" between the NPPC, Port Colborne and other municipalities, says Badawey.

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sports

■ **BOXING:** Napper's fight Star Jackman wins gold at Brampton Cup tournament

Star turn for fighter

BERND FRANKE
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Quality trumped quantity when Napper's Boxing Club fought in the Brampton Cup tournament.

While the Welland fight club didn't have enough entries to compete for the team titles it won in 2010 and 2011, Star Jackman won a unanimous decision in the men's 81-kilogram, Todd Napper was undefeated before being scratched from the 56-kg final and Sierra Picton lost a close decision in the women's 51-kg final.

Hallie Herbert also held her own in the women's 50-kg division despite losing her first-ever fight. Herbert, who spent the past two years training out of Napper's, went the distance against Emma Gracia from the Beaver Boxing Club in Toronto.

Head coach Ray Napper Jr. said Gracia had three inches on Herbert and used the difference in size to maximum advantage in the three-rounder.

"She was really well-schooled, but Hallie came back and made it interesting at the end," Napper said in praising the 16-year-old Notre Dame student as a "great up-and-coming boxer."

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BOXING

Herbert's fight worth the wait

FROM PAGE 15

Though her ring debut ended in a loss, the fight against Gracia was "definitely worth the wait" for Herbert.

"I went in there with the mind to win, but it just didn't happen. I'm happy with how the fight turned out."

Jackman, who received a bye into his final against Rick Evans from Toronto's Grant Brothers Boxing Club, won the 10th fight of his career in convincing fashion.

"He used his jab really well. He made the guy miss, he made the guy pay. He looked a lot more experienced than

he actually was," Ray Napper Jr. said of his 23-year-old fighter from Fonthill.

Picton, also 23 and also from Fonthill, used an "in-and-out" fight plan to score a referee-stopped decision against Sonja Parris of the Cabbagetown Boxing Club in the semifinals.

Picton, Welland's female athlete of the year for 2011, met her match when she fought Mackenzie Wright of Kombart Arts Boxing Academy for the gold medal. In a close decision, judges favoured the three-time Canadian kick-boxing champion in the four-round final.



BERND FRANKE Staff Photo

Napper's Boxing Club from Welland was well-represented at the Brampton Cup tournament: foreground, Sierra Picton; back row, from left, head coach Ray Napper Jr., Todd Napper, Star Jackman, Haillie Hebert and coach Greg Black.

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FIT TO BE TIED

Mossimo's Pee wee Black Panthers hit the road on Feb. 3 to face Dunnville. Jeremy Pollard's stick was still hot as he made the

most of a nice passing play from Braeden Prout and Ethan Gultard.

Dunnville tied it up, but Braeden Prout put the Panthers ahead again with a nice feed from Noah Wouthuis and Tristan Barnhart.

A third period goal by Dunnville ended the game in a tie. The team's defensive squad, Hayden Stewart, Zach Baltrusianus, Dan Durkin, Ethan Gultard and goalie Nick Yoldassis, were solid.

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to sample 10 international
soups prepared by newcomers
to Canada who now call
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sale at the Welland Heritage
Council.

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26
GEOCACHING 101**
Geocaching is a worldwide
treasure hunt – an environ-
mentally friendly outdoor
recreational activity for
families or individuals alike.
Search for hidden objects
using clues and GPS coordi-
nates at Pelham Public
Library. This workshop is
intended for beginners and
for people who are inter-
ested in finding out more
about geocaching. Judy
Minor who has been geo-
caching for about five years
and has set up a number of
events for geocachers will
facilitate this event. 1 p.m.
to 2:30 p.m. Adults: \$3. Children
and teens \$1. Please register
ahead.

DEPRESSION
Depression affects all of us.
Come to the Pelham Public
Library to learn about what
causes it, the different types
of depression and what
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cialist from Canadian
Mental Health Association
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**FRIDAY
MARCH 1
PELHAM WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER**

Service to be hosted by
North Pelham First Presby-
terian Church, 602 Mettler
Rd., North Pelham, starting
at 2 p.m. This year's theme,
written by the women of
France, is "I was a Stranger
and You Welcomed Me". All
are welcome to attend.

**MONDAY
MARCH 11
AFTERNOON MOVIE**
Kick off the March Break
with a Shrek party you will
not forget. Paint your face
green with us and enjoy
some homemade green
slime. 1 p.m. \$4. Pelham
Library, Fonthill branch. All
ages.

**TUESDAY
MARCH 12
STORYTIME**
Love Dr. Seuss stories?
Come and celebrate as we
read some of the funniest
stories ever. For all ages, 10
a.m. \$4. Pelham Library,
Maple Acres branch.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 13
MAKE WILD T-SHIRTS**
Children ages six and older,
or accompanied by an adult,
can learn how to make crazy
t-shirts at Pelham Public
Library Fonthill branch at
10:30 a.m. Bring your own
plain t-shirts. Decorations
will be provided. \$4.

CUPCAKE CREATIONS
The ultimate cupcake deco-
rating session with helpful
hints for young bakers ages
six and older or accompa-
nied by an adult. Pelham
Public Library Fonthill
branch at 1 p.m. \$4 per
child. Parents should be
aware of potential food
allergies.

SCARF MAKING
Children ages nine and over

are welcome to learn how
to make a fashionable frilly
scarf. Bring your own yarn
and needles. Material hand-
out will be provided upon
registration. 3 p.m. \$4.
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branch.

**THURSDAY
MARCH 14
ANIMAL TIME**
Are you crazy for zoo ani-
mals such as lions, ele-
phants, monkeys and
snakes? Monkey around
with crazy stories, crafts
and "Animal boogie" by
Debbie Harter. at 10:30 a.m.
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OWL CRAZY
Do you love owls? Come to
the library and dissect an
owl pellet and learn all there
is to know about an owl. at
14 at 1 p.m. \$4. Ages eight
and up Pelham Public
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**FRIDAY
MARCH 15
BABYSITTING COURSE**
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